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Democrats do not lack live issues for this campaign, and by no means the least of them is the extraordinary extravagance of the government under the McKinley administration. In the language of Representative Richardson, of Tennessee, the able Democratic leader of the House and chairman of the Democratic Congressional campaign committee, "The cost of running this government has been \$300,000,000 more annually for the last three years than it was before the war with Spain was fought. It is a serious question whether this vast increase is fully warranted. Was the war with Spain worth \$900,000,000 to the American people? If the war wasn't worth that amount, it is for the Republican party to explain why our expenditures should not be materially reduced." That is straight talk and strictly true. If the people wish to continue reckless and extravagant expenditures just because taxation produces the money they will continue the Republican party in power. But if they wish the government administered on the same economical system which rules in every well-conducted business establishment they will turn the government over to the Democratic party, which stands for retrenchment in public expenditures. This issue is not likely to be lost sight of in the campaign.

We do not entirely agree with Governor McSweeney on the liquor question, says the Anderson Mail, but we are not after selecting untried men simply because they agree with us on this or any other one or half a dozen moral question of the day. We have the best of reasons to believe that McSweeney, governor, will enforce the law, be it Prohibition, Dispensary, or high license. He has no legis-

lative authority and can neither change an old law nor pass a new one. Let the people of the State instruct their representatives how they would have them vote on the liquor question. A majority of the legislators must settle it, and it matters not how settled, whatever law may be adopted on the subject, McSweeney, as governor, can be counted on to enforce it, and that is the kind of governor every lover of law and order should strive to have. It is too late now, even for campaign purposes, to try to hoodwink the people by herating Governor McSweeney's record. The people know he is as just and efficient, as our chief executive, to-day as he was last December and they will not be stampeded away from the man who has done so well as governor and fairly won his place as the favorite now in the race. They are throwing the usual campaign mud at "Little Mack," but he is a sure winner.

At the National Capital.
Regular correspondence.
WASHINGTON, June 25, 1900.—Notwithstanding the juggling by the Republican leaders with the vice-presidential nomination, the Hanna-made ticket which was nominated at Philadelphia and the Washington-made platform adopted have evoked not the slightest enthusiasm in Washington, although the numerical strength of the bread-and-butter brigade at the national capitol and Roosevelt's considerable personal following led many to suppose that there would be at least a bluff made at some sort of an enthusiastic demonstration. About the only hurrahs heard in Washington have come from delegates to the convention who stopped on their way home, and those hurrahs were not the result of enthusiasm, but of whiskey or other intoxicants. But that, of course, does not worry Boss Hanna; it is boodle, not enthusiasm, that he relies upon to duplicate his '96 business.

Nothing more contradictory was ever put into a party platform than the declarations of the Republican platform that "We indorse the administration of William McKinley," and "We favor the construction, ownership, control, and protection of an isthmian canal by the government of the United States." Mr. McKinley's administration is responsible for the Hay-Pauncefote treaty, which, if ratified, would make the carrying out of that plank of the platform an impossibility. The platform did not dare indorse by name the Hanna-Payne ship subsidy job, but merely asks for "legislation which will enable us to recover our former place among the trade carrying fleets of the world." It is certain that the subsidy job of Hanna won't do it.

One of the reasons for Republican alarm about the great middle west was concisely given by Mr. J. V. Beall, of Akron, Ohio, now in Washington, when he said: "The industrial situation in some of the manufacturing States of the middle western States is decidedly gloomy. The big trusts which one hears so much about in the East and the evil effects of which are felt comparatively little here have been destructive to a large number of factories in our section of the country. There is hardly a manufacturing city of any size in Ohio, Indiana, or Illinois where one or more factories have not been closed down on account of the combination in some particular line of goods. The result has been that a good many people have been thrown out of employment in recent months. Little has been heard of these matters, because nearly everybody has been making good money and had enough left to support themselves for some time, while they looked for other employment. But a great deal of hardship has resulted."

Some of Boss Hanna's millionaire allies have undertaken to aid the Philadelphia ticket by steadily forcing the price of wheat upward during the campaign, for the purpose of trying to propitiate the disgruntled farmers of the wheat-growing sections. This may be a

good thing for those wheat growers who may be able to take advantage of it, but it will have its risks, both for the wheat growers and the Republican ticket. If it should appear at any time to the millionaire syndicate that they can make more money by letting the bottom drop out of the scheme they will be apt to do it. Millionaires never allow anything to stand in the way of accumulating other millions.

Roosevelt not so strong.
Washington Post.
For the first time in the annals of American politics we see, in the person of the Hon. Theodore Roosevelt, a vice-presidential candidate forced to accept the nomination in order to reduce the chances of his party's defeat in his own State's election. To this unique achievement Mr. Platt directed his energies with that consummate tact which has marked his political career on many great occasions.

Believing in the rule of the majority, The Post commends the act of the convention in yielding to the popular demand for Roosevelt, just as it commended the Democratic convention of 1896 for obeying the will of the people in declaring for 16 to 1 and other objectionable propositions.

If the result of the November election should be found to hinge on the vote of the Empire State, we have no doubt that Gov. Roosevelt's retirement from the State ticket will be helpful to his party. It is expected with some show of reasonableness that he will inspire the Republican masses, especially in the West, with something of that exuberant enthusiasm which normally characterizes his political speeches. He is a thoroughly earnest man, and generally succeeds in arousing the spirit and determination of his hearers. But he is too bitterly aggressive to win converts, and it is not impossible that his habit of indiscriminate denunciation may more than offset his reviving and enlivening influences.

If the McKinley and Roosevelt ticket is to win, the victory will be won by McKinley. If success for that ticket depended on the record of Mr. Roosevelt and the evidence therein found of his capacity to fill the Presidential office, it would be unfortunate for the party.

As a member of the Civil Service Commission Mr. Roosevelt was a distinct disappointment. He was straining at gnats in the post-office of cities in the West, while camels were going down the throats of the commission in the departments here in Washington. As assistant secretary of the navy he found it impossible to confine his efforts to their proper sphere. The war with Spain threw him into a state of mind bordering on hysteria, and he rushed to and fro between his office and the White House giving advice that the President felt constrained to reject.

For example, Mr. Roosevelt was one of the most persistent advocates of the recognition of the alleged Cuban republic. But for President McKinley's stern, unbending opposition to that course we should have gone into Cuba to play second fiddle to Cuban general and the rabble which they led. At a latter period Mr. Roosevelt urged, in season and out of season, that we should send our fleet across the Atlantic to look for Cervera's ships. His notions of war policy were as fickle as the weather, and his departure from Washington relieved the administration from what had grown to be an afflictive dispensation. His record in Cuba includes the yellow fever roundrobbin. No one will impeach his courage or patriotism, but those excellent traits do not entirely qualify a man for high office and great responsibilities.

Mr. Roosevelt's fantastic campaign for governor in the fall of 1898, when he turned over the State with a squad of the discharged Rough Riders, he and they arrayed in the uniform they wore in Cuba, may have been one of the reasons why he dropped a quarter of a million of the McKin-

ley plurality, reducing it from 268,000 to 17,000.

We repeat, if the McKinley and Roosevelt ticket is to win, McKinley must do the winning.

Jones no Longer a Candidate.
If the entry of Mr. A. C. Jones into the Senatorial race against Senator Tillman created surprise, says The State, the announcement that he has changed his mind and withdrawn from the race will doubtless create even more surprise. This he has done, however, and Senator Tillman succeeds himself in the upper house of Congress without opposition.

Friday State Chairman Willie Jones received a letter from Mr. Jones asking that his pledge be withdrawn and stating the reasons for this action. Mr. Jones set forth that his business would not permit him to make the canvass as thoroughly as he desired and that he did not see the necessity for finishing the race. Colonel Jones, not having the permission of the writer did not make the letter public.

Colonel Jones immediately upon receipt of the letter wired Mr. Jones saying that the pledge would be withdrawn, and telling Mr. Jones to draw on him as chairman of the State executive committee for the amount of the assessment, \$50, which will be returned.

This leaves Senator Tillman without possible opposition and means that he succeeds himself in the Senate. He is now free to throw off his coat, grab his pitchfork, and do work where most needed in behalf of the national Democracy.

This is the first change in the political outlook in this State since the State campaign opened.

There has never since the time for closing the entries came been the slightest doubt that Senator Tillman would succeed himself, overwhelmingly defeating Mr. Jones, but the latter's action yesterday makes plainer sailing for the Senator and removes the necessity for any kind of a contest at the polls.

NOTICE—I will be away from Fort Mill for about ten days, beginning June 25, 1900, during which time Dr. T. B. Meacham will attend to my practice.
H. F. ALEXANDER, M. D.

Notice to Candidates.

Rooms of the Democratic Executive Committee of York County, Yorkville, S. C., June 25, 1900.

Notice is hereby given to all candidates and prospective candidates that they must sign the party pledge and pay their assessments on or before noon, Thursday, August 16, 1900.

The assessments are as follows: Candidates for Congress, \$20; Solicitor, \$10; State Senator, \$8; House of Representatives, \$4; Clerk of Court, \$15; Sheriff, \$8; Auditor, \$12; County Treasurer, \$10; County Superintendent of Education, \$6; County Supervisor, \$6; County Commissioners, \$3; Coroner, \$2; Magistrate, \$2.

Special notice is hereby given that the two County Commissioners to be appointed by the governor must be nominated in the primary like other county officers. Special notice is also given that all Magistrates must also be nominated in the primary. Only residents of the township can vote for the Magistrate of that township.

By order of the Democratic Executive Committee.

J. S. BRICE,
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